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Awful Plight of French Peasants.

So much has been said of Germany and the Germans that the mere sight of the word "German" in cold print makes one feel inclined to pass along to happier reading, but not without experiencing a cold shudder. Fortunately there are but few people left in Canada today who would openly put forward a plea for Germany on the grounds of learning and culture. This number would rapidly diminish were they given the opportunity of paying a visit to the western front to see for themselves the utter destruction the retreating German forces have left in their train. With all hope of victory gone the Hun seemingly puts himself out to pillage, burn and absolutely destroy every piece of territory he occupies previous to evacuation, believing, presumably, that the unchanging sight of wanton destruction will so depress the heart of his enemies as to force an earlier peace. Harrowing narratives of German barbarism are published in "The French Wounded Emergency Fund Magazine," accounts which fairly take one's breath away. It discloses beyond doubt that the plundering and burning of French towns and villages is premeditated and is part and parcel of the German military programme. In this war-stricken area only the aged, weak and babies in arms are left by the Huns to grapple with an unknown future, with not even a vestige of a house standing in the whole shell-torn area. The able-bodied men and women (boys and girls of 14 years and upwards) have been deported to Germany—literally forced into bondage. But what makes the saddest reading in the unfolding of one

of the most horrible stories of this war is the reference made to the young women who are left with Boche children in their arms to share the fate of the old and decrepit as if to remind them through life of German lust and tyranny. What a future for these poor unfortunate! The finger of scorn is even now pointed by the more fortunate progeny who will be expected to rebuild the future destinies of France. An appeal for money is now being made in the newspapers in behalf of The French Wounded Emergency Fund. This society was founded to render emergency relief to destitute and suffering dependents of French soldiers—to succour the wounded and to rehabilitate families in the recaptured and devastated portions of France and has as its patron H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The French Wounded Emergency Fund follows every advance on the Western Front, and endeavors to instill a ray of hope in these poor people, who are almost too numb with suffering to realize they are no longer under the heel of the oppressor. It is entirely independent of any other organization and looks to charity for its support. It is under the authority of the French Government, and is the only organization undertaking this particular work of restoration. Judging from the names of the prominent people in Winnipeg and Western Canada who have identified themselves with the appeal for funds, a large measure of success should attend the effort. It is worthy of the support of every true citizen and it is to be hoped that a bumper sum of money will be realized. One thing certain: We must one and all now acknowledge the fact that "we must give something."

Conscription Becomes Law

The conscription bill has now become law and all men between the ages of 20 and 34 will be called before exemption boards at different points in the province within three weeks. These boards will decide who shall be drafted as soldiers in the Canadian army.

JARROW

R. O. Moore shipped a carload of steers to Winnipeg.

Charles Prather has gone to Killam to work.

The ladies aid will sell ice cream for the Red Cross next Friday and Saturday.

Carl Ahlf is planning a new house on his land recently bought from the C.P.R.

Mr. Jackson's sale in Jarro last Saturday went off very well.

The box social held in Jarro some two or three weeks ago cleared \$44.50, the boxes selling very reasonable.

The ladies aid meets at the parsonage the first Wednesday in September to quilt a quilt.

George Lubricant is having some building work done for him and Henry Kaasen is planning a fine new residence.

Matt Lockhard, the pioneer blacksmith, is going into the cattle business on a large scale north of town.

Crops here are good. The rains in August helped considerably. Oats are short but wheat is going to be more than an average crop. There has been no frost to hurt.

KINSALLA

C. J. Smith, manager of the Crushed Stone & Gravel company's stock farm here, sold twenty-three head of fat steers last week.

J. Seudder arrived last week from Great Falls, Montana, to look after harvesting the crop on the Stonnick farm. He just had it nicely cut and stacked when 500 head of range cattle owned in Toild broke in and did great damage. Warned by the loss of the Stonnick place the owners of the neighboring farms were forced to keep a day and night guard over their crops, as no ordinary fence will stand the assault of so many range cattle when once they taste the fruits of victory.

The owner of the cattle stacked up several quarters of vacant land by utilizing the G. T. P. fence and the Big Graton lake for a range, but in doing so they have merely left gates for the road allowance and have included several small farms in their range. They not only lost their former hay lands and pasture, but are subjected to loss from cattle breaking in.

Varying crop reports continue to come in, due largely to the narrow streaks of country which did not share in the August rains. Thus one farm cancelled its twine order, whereas two miles away the crops are extra good requiring three pounds of twine to the acre. F.W. Turner reports heavy yields on breaking, but poor yield on summer fallow, due, he thinks, to the late frost in the spring which set back the wheat and allowed the weeds to get a start.

Coal Springs

Emil Lindquist has completed a job of plastering for Mrs. Haugan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knudson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steel of Clark Manor.

W. Newell is at present engaged in making repairs on the separator for J.L. Erickson's threshing machine.

Olaf Larson and C. J. Knudson are putting the Coal Springs threshing outfit into shape for the season's run.

Messrs. Ledure and Harlow have completed their contract of the finishing of the school stable and giving the buildings the necessary coat of paint.

Mr. Hartford is at this writing painting the residence and also the barn on M. T. Knudson's farm.

Rev. Hovesteen conducted services at the school house on Sunday last at 3 p.m. in the Norwegian and at 8 p.m. in the English language. A large number were present at these meetings.

We understand that the residence in the vicinity of the west in the district have organized a Telephone Company, giving the practice once.

Extensive Change



"Many changes in your apartments this fall?"
"Yes. Seven graphophones moved out and one planola."

Hur Her Pride

Two fair maids met in a shop, and at once began gossiping, in spite of the fact that they were hindering other customers.

"Oh, have you heard about Phyllis?" exclaimed the one in the white-topped boots suddenly.

"No," replied she of the pink plumes. "What has she done now?"
"My dear!" in tones of horror—"she's broken off her engagement!"
"What ever for?"—in tones of still greater horror.

"She went with her fiancé to a football match, and now she says he got far more enthusiastic over the game than he has ever been about her."

Well Separated



Stern Parent: "My child, I want you to stay away from that horrid Jones boy at school."

Youngster: "I do, father; he's at the head of the class every day."

Teacher: "Katherine, what do you know about the orchid family?"

Kate: "Please, miss, mother has forbidden us to indulge in any family gossip."

Business and Pleasure



He: "Darling, I think of you every minute of the day."

She: "Be careful, Tom. Better give some attention to your work or you'll get fired!"

All the Same

"Come, Willie. Take your medicine like a little man. You don't mind it a bit. It tastes just like candy."

"Then why can't you give me the candy instead?"

"Covered" Its Faults



Author: "How do you like Scribner's new book?"

Books: "Well, I think the cover is the most attractive thing about it."

Author: "Then it's bound to sell."

Sandwiches

"I understand young Swift has had a very checkered career."

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VIKING

Monday, Labor Day was observed as a holiday by the bank and school.

Mrs. A. O. Omen is entertaining a sister who arrived from Chauvin last Thursday evening.

Mrs. R. Sparling spent the past week in Edmonton as the guest of friends.

Gilbert Beaumont, of Edmonton, was a guest at the W. J. Jones home over Sunday.

Miss McNeil, of Edmonton, is visiting at the Wm. Taylor home this week.

In case Hon. A.L. Sifton goes to Ottawa, Hon. Chas. Stewart is slated to become Premier of Alberta.

C. G. Purvis and H. Rollans spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Sedgewick.

Miss Dornan left on Tuesday for Eye Brow, Sask., where she will enjoy a two weeks' holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hardy have returned from a two weeks' vacation spent with relatives and friends at Bawli.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Idyll motored to Sedgewick last Saturday and spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Purvis.

Jas. Hammond, of Tofield, is installing a heating plant and wiring the Jas. Newby residence, north of town, for a Delco light system.

Another telegram has been received here for W. S. Jones stating that J. J. Jones who was wounded some time ago is worse. W.S. Jones has not been located yet.

Forrest S. Johnson, of Holden, recently of Scott, Sask., arrived Monday to take charge of the Security Elevator. Mr. Johnson is opening the elevator for business this week.

The attendance at the Red Cross meetings have been falling off lately and it is hoped that all those who can would attend the business meeting next Friday afternoon which takes place in the Methodist church.

Miss Ethel Reeves, who has had charge of the postoffice during the absence of Mr. Hilliker, left Wednesday for Winnipeg to visit with the Chas. Brickman family before going to her home at Mannville.

Harry Bell, of the Bulletin staff, Harry Thomas, of the Carroll-Wilson, Co., and Miss Hornby, of Edmonton, were guests at the Mrs. Grace Dickson home, north of town, Sunday and Monday.

Clem Loughlin, the star hockey player from Winnipeg who played with the Vancouver team last year, is employed by Jas. Newby for the harvest season. Clem is a second cousin of our townsman, James Loughlin.

Mr. Harper and Mr. Orr, of the Kilham bank staff boarded the train here Saturday evening for Edmonton where they passed the Labor day holiday. They motored over with Mr. McKinley, who visited with Mr. Chapman over Sunday.

Steve Jones and family and Miss Anna Jones motored to Edmonton Saturday. They were accompanied home on Sunday by Miss Amy Watkins who is enjoying a vacation at the home of her mother Mrs. Watkins, east of town.

Word was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stowe that their son, Lieut. Geo. Stowe, who left with the 202nd battalion this spring for "somewhere in France" has been wounded. The extent of the wounds were not given in the telegram but it is hoped that they are not serious.

The annual meeting of the Viking Curling Club was held in McAtthey's real estate office last Wednesday evening. A.O. Omen was re-elected President, A.A. Long, Vice President, and H.B. Collier, secretary-treasurer. Some discussion took place about enlarging the rink to two sheets of ice, but it was decided to repair and put the single rink into first-class condition and not to enlarge it. The annual fee remains the same as last year, \$10. Messrs. Omen, Long and Slavik were appointed as a building committee to attend to the work of remodeling the rink. A proposition to light the rink with electric lights is before the club.

CANADIAN "V.C."



PRIVATE WILLIAM JOHNSTONE MILNE, of a Canadian Infantry Battalion, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for capturing two machine-guns, killing the crew of the first and putting out of action the crew of the second.

RUSSIA'S OFFICERS

How Difficulties in Securing Suitable Material were Overcome

In spite of the confusion and dislocation which followed the peace with Japan, both by reason of the return and incorporation of the great Manchurian with the Western army, and also because of the political disorders of the day, yet important military reforms were inaugurated without undue delay. The two great weaknesses of Russia in face of Germany were the inferior character of her officer corps, and the poverty of her railway system. An officer corps is the growth of time, and needs corresponding classes in the nation to provide its personnel. The aristocratic and bourgeois classes of Western Europe, fortified by the tradition of feudal times and inherited ideas of military honor, contribute young men competent to officer troops. But Russia has very little of these numbers of such families in proportion to her vast population. To find competent officers, even for the staff and the higher commands, not to reckon the vast numbers required to lead the troops of the line, was a most difficult task. The first reforms after the Japanese War aimed at extending the system of technical education for officers. These measures had begun to produce important results by 1914, and the improved leadership of the Russian forces was one of the most unpleasant surprises experienced by the enemy at the beginning of the war. —Daily Telegraph, London.

AIRMAN'S NEWSPAPER

Says the Manchester Guardian: We all know in a way of the changes that the wonderful development of air travel in the war has brought about, but until peace comes we can have little idea how it will affect ordinary life. A hint of it can be seen in this story, told to me by a friend who dined recently at the Royal Flying Corps headquarters in France. "Would you like to see tonight's paper?" he was asked. He thought it was a joke, but the 630 edition of a London paper was handed to him. The headline was: "One of our fellows brought it over with him." This aviator had left in the morning, had been at the War Office before business hours, paid was back in France in time for dinner!

FROM BLAZING ZEPPELIN

Jumped and Landed Alive with Coat as Parachute

When the Zeppelin Z 48 was brought down it flames in England, the bodies of four of the crew who jumped from the burning airship were found in the neighboring fields. It was learned that three other men also jumped from the Zeppelin and landed on the ground alive. One of them, a warrant officer, had a miraculous escape. He told a petty officer who captured him that he had a device by which he turned his coat into a sort of parachute. In the last part of the Zeppelin's catch fire, he postponed his jump until the airship was near the ground and alighted unharmed although very much dazed. He was walking about when he was captured by the petty officer who was home on leave at the time.

Death from Mine Sweeper was the verdict in the inquest on Lieut. E. R. Mackay, Second-Lieutenant G. E. Talbot, and Royal Flying Corps officers who were killed while flying over Herfordshire through their machine gunning another 500 feet up in the air. The second machine, after being twice righted, came into contact with an anti-aircraft gun, the pilot, Lieutenant W. G. Potts, being injured.

Honors for Brave Nurses. — The funeral of Miss Constance Mary Hodge, a London Red Cross nurse, who died of her post in military hospital in France, Miss Hodge, daughter of Colonel Hodge, Darnley, had a medal for her work in France.

Death of a Soldier. — The funeral of a soldier's body was held at the Victoria Hall in London.

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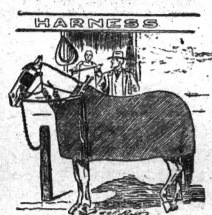
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"I don't believe I am afraid of being badly treated," Meg answered gaily. "Why should anybody treat me badly? If I do my work properly there is no reason why my mistress should be horrid to me. And I can't imagine that any human being would treat another badly for no reason. I am not going to let myself think for a moment that unkind treatment is even a remote possibility. I have always been used to happy! Think how good everybody has been to me; Lassen to find love everywhere!"

"Because you carry love everywhere," Miss Penny exclaimed. "You are such a loving soul. Somebody once said 'Love begets love,' and the saying is true enough. You hold out your arms so lovingly to the whole world that it has no choice but to love you back again. How could it do otherwise? I think you must have had a father and mother who loved each other, and you, very much indeed, you are such a happy, loving soul. The love and happiness in you seem to bring out and make other people loving and happy."

"I wish I knew something about my father and mother." A shadow crept over Meg's face. "I only had the slightest idea who I was or where I came from, how glad I should be. I wonder whether anywhere in the world I have a relation. I should think I must have just one somewhere?"

"It is curious that, in all these years, no one has ever claimed you."

"No one has ever made the least atom of claim to me. Nobody seemed to want me. And I am never likely to learn the truth after, because Mr. Dan did everything that could be done when I first came, and he had no answer then to any advertisements. Nothing is likely to turn up after all this time. You see, the tiny clues I possess are so very small and inadequate, that although Mr. Dan described them freely in the advertisements, they produced no result. I have just got a small prayer book which was in my trunk when I came here—and this lock of hair. She drew from within her dress a gold locket on a blue chain, and opening it, showed to Miss Penny, as she had often done before, the face of a laughing girl whose brown eyes were oddly like her own, whose sweet face closely resembled hers. Under the picture was the one word "Mother."

"I hope she is my mother," Meg said, wistfully. "I should think she must be, and I should like to believe it was her child. She is so sweet and lovely. But I sometimes wonder if my prayerbook was hers, or whether it belonged to somebody else. It has some words written on the fly-leaf, 'May from Mother, Penders Bar.' I don't know who May is or where Penders Bar may be, but I always hope the book was my mother's. I like to think so, when I take night to church I always make up my mind it was hers."

"Perhaps some day you will find out all the truth, it seems as though you could not be left in ignorance all your life. Surely something must eventually be discovered, possibly in a way you do not in the least think of now. I do very much hope you will find out everything about yourself—and meanwhile, an idea has suddenly come into my mind. Mrs. Carbury, whose children I teach, was telling me only two days ago about a friend of hers who is trying to find a maid for her daughters. At the time Mrs. Carbury spoke I did not think very much of the matter, as I knew of no maids, but now I cannot help wondering whether the work may not be exactly what you want. It might be worth while for you to inquire about this place, for the sooner you leave here the better. Don't you agree with me?"

"Yes, I know I had better leave here soon," Meg answered, "but do you think—even though I haven't learnt typewriting, I could try to do clerical work instead of being a lady's maid? I don't mean to say that I am ashamed of doing a maid's work. I am not. I don't mind what work I do only I don't want to be a friend of hers who is trying to find a maid for her daughters. At the time Mrs. Carbury spoke I did not think very much of the matter, as I knew of no maids, but now I cannot help wondering whether the work may not be exactly what you want. It might be worth while for you to inquire about this place, for the sooner you leave here the better. Don't you agree with me?"

"I think if I were you I would not try for work as a secretary," Miss Penny said, looking earnestly at the lovely, wistful face, then looking away again. "I fancy you might find there are many more difficulties in a secretary's life than in that of a lady's maid. The world is such a queer, wicked place."

"Is it?" Meg smiled. "So far I have only found a kind place; everybody is so good to me, I haven't met with much wickedness yet."

"Keep your innocent soul and your loving heart, and you will always find kindness. I believe that what we find in the world depends a great deal on what we bring to it," Miss Penny spoke earnestly. "Never forget what I told you before. Love begets love. No, I need not have said that to you, you never will forget it, because love is the centre and the heart of your own loving nature."

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CHAPTER IV.

The Tredways

"You are not in the least the sort of maid I wanted to find, and yet so many ways you are suitable. Mrs. Carbury told me you know a friend of hers, and that her friend recommended you to her."

"Yes, madam, I know Mrs. Carbury's friend, Miss Penny. She has been very good to me."

"You look like a lady, and you speak like a lady, but you come here applying for a maid's place. I should like to understand clearly why you want to do work of this sort? And who you really are." The tone of well-bred insolence in which the words were uttered was new to Meg's ears; she had never before been addressed in such a fashion. Ladies of the type of Mrs. Tredway had not penetrated into Mrs. Crump's lodging house; presumably they were too good to be so. Mrs. Tredway, standing in the small boudoir, looked at her questioner with puzzled eyes.

Miss Penny had been as good as her word and had mentioned to Mrs. Carbury the girl who was anxious to find a situation as maid to a young lady, and the result, that Meg had received a curt request to call upon Mrs. Tredway, 44 Denver Street. The brief address upon the door was a single name, and she gave her a little shock of surprise.

"M. Deane, 11 Twickenham Square, S.E." The envelope was addressed in a neat, simple hand, and she glanced from the envelope to Mrs. Crump with widely opened eyes.

"How funny," she said, "a lady who wants me to go and see her, just puts M. Deane on the envelope—no Miss. What a queer way of addressing a letter!"

Miss Penny, further, she wouldn't think it queer, nor the lady wouldn't. That's the way ladies do have when they're writing letters to servants, or to girls in the working class—they don't think those girls have any right to be called Misses."

"That seems very strange," Meg answered thoughtfully. "I don't understand why every girl hasn't a right to be called Miss. It seems—well, it seems so funny and rude to call the like that just because they are not rich, and are obliged to work."

"Alas, dearie, you'll find there's lots that's funny and rude about ladies," Mrs. Crump replied shrewdly. "They look nice enough on the top, the girls on the gingerbread, but when you cut down a bit, it's queer what a lot of bad manners and strange ways you come up against. They ain't always good all through!"

Those words of the landlady came buzzing back into Meg's mind as she listened to Mrs. Tredway's refined voice speaking in drawing, insolent tones. The boudoir in which the lady had received her was a very small room, overcrowded with furniture, and shrouded in that Gimmerian gloom in which the corners of the more fashionable quarters of London appear to revel. Lace curtains hung over the windows, almost completely shutting out the light, as was not already obscured by tall houses opposite; silk curtains in a shade of dull heliotrope, further, emphasized the gloom; and the chairs and sofa were upholstered in a chintz over which large flowers straggled, and large birds flew—a pattern which helped to dwarf an already tiny apartment. The walls were crowded with pictures of a truly heterogeneous description; upon the mantelpiece were various small articles of bric-a-brac, no one of which appeared to have any particular connection with any other; and the air was heavy with the mingled scents of some perfume Mrs. Tredway affected, and of great bunches of lilac in a vase on the table.

(To Be Continued.)

Christian Civilization In Manifest Peril

From an Address by Robt. Lansing, U.S. Secretary of State

My friends, I am firmly convinced that the independence of no nation is safe, that the liberty of no individual is sure, until the military despotism which holds the German people in the hollow of its hand has been made impotent and harmless forever. Appeals to justice, to moral obligation, to honor, no longer avail with such a power. There is but one way to restore peace to the world, and that is by becoming German imperialists by force of arms. For its own safety, as well as for the cause of human liberty, this great republic is marshalling its armies and preparing with all its vigor to aid in ridding Germany, as well as the world, of the most ambitious and most tyrannical autocracy which has arisen to stay the wheels of progress and imperil Christian civilization."

A Smart Recruit

The officer of the day, during his tour of duty, paused to question a new recruit. "If you should see an armed party approaching, what would you do?" asked the officer.

"Turn out the guard, sir!"

"Very well. Suppose you saw a battleship coming across the parade ground, what would you do?"

"Report to the hospital for examination, sir," was the prompt reply.

Absorbing Powers Of Dairy Products

Care Should Be Taken to Avoid Tainted Milk

Dairy products may well be compared to a sponge in their ability to absorb. Just as readily as the sponge takes up water, so milk, cream or butter take up odors and flavors. These may have gotten in before or after the milk was drawn. Good hay and grain are said to produce good milk. This is because the favors desirable and not sufficiently strong to make themselves noticeable in the product. Carrots, onions, and a number of other vegetables, however, have strong characteristic flavors which overcome the natural flavor of the milk. Certain vegetables growing in the Alps mountains give a peculiarly spicy odor and flavor to the milk of Swiss cows. Weeds taken into the cow's stomach will be noted plainly in the weedy flavor of her milk. This is especially noticeable in the fall and late summer when pastures are short. Any strongly flavored food is liable to make itself evident in the products of the animal.

After the milk is drawn if it is left standing in the stable for any length of time, it will absorb the various odors and flavors of the stable or feed. Milk set away in cinders where fruit or vegetables are kept will readily take up their flavors. Kerosene or gasoline are especially easily absorbed and the hardest to get rid of after they have once left their taint. Almost anything which has a peculiar sharp odor or flavor will make itself felt on the condition of any dairy product with which it comes in contact.

The only sure way of having an untainted product is to feed only mildly flavored feeds and keep the stored products at all times in growing condition. The dairyman should concentrate all his labor and keep it at the highest pitch of efficiency. He has been nothing short of superb.

The Woolwich Arsenal. As against the 10,000 workers it kept going in peace times, the Woolwich Arsenal now employs over 100,000. A number of the workers, still—and as this influx of population to the district demands a proportionate commensurate accommodation, the organization required to concentrate all this labor and keep it at the highest pitch of efficiency has been nothing short of superb.

Canned Chicken

How to Can Chicken for Winter Use by the Straight Pack Method

"Canned chicken," may be made at home in your own kitchen out of the old less than ought to be killed any way.

The method of operation for what is known as "straight pack" by the trade is very simple, and is given in detail as follows by Dr. Robt. Barnes, chief of the meat and canned foods division, health of animals branch, department of agriculture, Ottawa:

Clean and cut up the chicken; sort out the fleshy portions, such as the legs, thighs and breast. Break off the protruding portions of the bones in each piece. Pack these fleshy portions in a quart jar or other container, as closely as possible, and salt and pepper (about a teaspoonful of salt and one-third teaspoonful of pepper). Fill to within three-quarters inch of overflowing with the liquid that comes from the balance of the chicken process for preparing which is given below. Place in boiler or other vessel containing warm water and gradually bring to a boil.

For pint jars boil two and a quarter hours; for quart jars boil three and a half hours. For the balance of the chicken, place in kettle and boil till the meat will strip freely from the bones; strip off all meat and pack in jar. Pour thereon the balance of the liquid in the kettle that has not been used in the first place. If there is not enough liquid to fill the second jar add water. Place in boiler as above and boil as follows: For pint jars, one and three-quarter hours; for quart jars two and a quarter hours.

If desired, the whole of the chicken may be prepared the same as the last part. In all cases take care not to expose the jars to a sudden change of temperature. Also, after the jars have cooled off, examine the tops to see that the covers are airtight.

During the cooking of the product place the glass tops on the seals, but do not fasten them. Any steam or gas which may be generated will escape, any soon, however, as the process is finished fasten the tops securely.

An Indiana paper reports that a recent storm "blew down trees that were never blown down before." They must have trees there that have been blown down several times.

Saving Young Stock

How One of the Great Food Wastes Can Be Prevented

If the food administrator shall have power to prevent slaughter of infantile domestic animals and will exercise that power, he can eliminate one enormous waste at a single blow.

An enormous number of calves are slaughtered in this country annually. At present the prices of milk butter and cheese strongly tempt the owners of cows to dispose of calves as quickly as possible. Add to this the fact that a calf brings a higher price than ever before, it becomes a practical certainty that thousands of them are doomed to an early death.

The effect of this practice is far-reaching. It presents an absolutely necessary increase in the supply of milk cows, adds the high price rating of dairy products, checks the increase of livestock on the farms which thus get too little fertilization, and thus works against grain production.

So, too, gratification of the appetite for "fries" breaks down the effort to swell the production of eggs and of mature marketable poultry. A fry weighing one pound, would weigh four or five pounds next year and might be an industrious producer of eggs. A heifer calf, worth \$15 now, if of good type and quality, would probably be worth \$75 a year hence, and would soon be a producer of milk.

But so the practice goes on. Though we have united for hundreds of years, in condemnation of the woman who slew the hen that laid for her the golden eggs every day, we are foolishly depriving ourselves of a gain which is day by day assured, actuated by the hope of getting it all in a lump. All is not gain that goes into the purse. Let the food administrator see what he can do with this, one of our greatest wastes.

Birds of a Feather

It is stated in the German Press that the many ex-convicts now serving in the German land and sea forces have become "right decent citizens" through doing their duty with the color of their cheeks and their offences slight. One man only recently released from prison has earned promotion to sergeant. By assisting in the recent raid on a private savings bank, perhaps.

The Keeping Of Poultry

Free Handbook on the Keeping, Breeding and Raising of Poultry

A well-nigh perfect handbook on the keeping, breeding and raising of poultry, whether in a large way or a small way, has been issued by the Dominion department of agriculture. The title of the work is "Poultry-Keeping in Town and Country" and its official title is Bulletin No. 89 of the division of poultry, the Dominion poultry husbandman, Mr. F. C. Zifford, being the author. In his introduction to the 48 pages of which the bulletin consists, Mr. Elford points out that poultry is suited to all conditions, takes a small outlay to start an interest in, makes regular returns, finds a good market, is cheap to feed, can be made profitable on a side line, and then proceeds to describe the methods that should be followed, and the requirements in backyard, farmyard or any other form of poultry-raising. With 70 appropriate illustrations, he deals with housing, feeding, choice of varieties, proper and profitable management, selection of birds for mating, hatching and rearing, marketing and in short, everything appertaining to poultry husbandry. As poultry-keeping is contributing not only to private gain in both pocket and health, but also to national industry, there should be an exceptionally wide demand for this bulletin, which can be had free by applying to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Little of It

"You have sworn to tell nothing but the truth."
"Nothing but the truth, your honor."
"Precisely."
"Then, judge, with that limitation upon me, I might as well warn you that I'm not going to have much to say."—Detroit Free Press.

Dude Applicant for Service—I suppose I've got to shed my blood for my country.
Recruiting Officer—You've got to shed those spats and the loud socks first.—Puck.

Judge—It seems to me that you're a good-for-nothing rogue. Have you ever earned a dollar in your life?
Prisoner—Yes, yer honor, I voted for yer once.—Judge.

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Lost.—Four spring calves, one white, red spots, two red and white, one crippled; hind foot, ear frozen off; last seen at Mrs. Berreths. Information will be thankfully received by Mrs. D.S. West, Irma.

LOST.—From S.W. 20-46-9; small red and white yearling, horns cut off, Brand 35. Information thankfully received by Jas. Kennedy. 25

For Sale.—Sharples Separator in good working order, price \$25. Apply J.N. Carrington. 23-24

Lost.—From N.E. 20-45-S.W. 4th, a three year old bay gelding, white star on forehead and right hind ankle. Any information thankfully received. A. Smart, Irma, Alberta.

LOST.—Will the party who got the parcel addressed to Mrs. H. Knudson in mistake at the Co-op store kindly return it to owner or leave at the store.

LOST.—Six spring calves, 2 red, 4 red and white. Brand hole in left ear. A reward will be given for information leading to their recovery. Geo. Wakefield, N.W. 24-45-S. Clark Manor P.O. Phone to T.N. Schler. 31-33.

Strayed.—From 14-46-11; about July 15th, a sorrel Gelding, weight about 1200 lbs., white face, some white feet, roached mane. Any one knowing the whereabouts of said horse please inform F. J. Hanson and receive reward. Jarro, Alberta.

Strayed.—from S.W. 14-47-7, bay mare with white stripe on face, both hind legs partly white, no brand, 3 yrs old. Information thankfully received by Robt. Reid, Cummings P. O.

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LOST.—A tan leather pocketbook, on Wednesday, August 22nd, in Irma or between Irma and Ross school. Initials M. E. O'L., carved on the leather, contained some change and P. O. key. Finder kindly return to Mrs. C. P. Chevalier Bx 925, treasured as a keepsake. 1tp.

Strawberry Plains

Mrs. Edmonds was a visitor to the Capital this week.

Mrs. Hull of Edmonds was a visitor at the home of her sister Mrs. Gimmons at Strawberry Plains.

Lieut. A. Wilbraham of the Point Farm is reported wounded in the August 29th casualty list. No official notice has yet been received, but a private cable to his parents from Sergt. R. Wilbraham says he visited him, so it is presumed he must be in a London Hospital.

Subscribe to the Times and keep up to the times.

SOLDIER-MARINES
ON BELGIAN FRONT

Exciting Type of Warfare by Night
Near North Sea—Keeping
Huns Worried

There are some thousands of soldiers in the gallant little Belgian army holding that corner of their unhappy kingdom still untrod by German foot who answer Kipling's description of the marine; they are soldiers and sailors too. How these Belgian infantrymen fight in boats at night is one of many strange stories of the war, wrote an appreciative Englishman. For two years most of the Belgian front was under water, the barrier the Belgians flung across the German path in the first year of the war. On one side of the water are the Belgian trenches, on the other side the German. There are miles and miles of flooded, sodden country with here and there a village shelled to rubble, one of the most desolate regions of the whole desolate western front.

By day all is quiet on those lowlands except, for the occasional crack of the sniper's rifle or the rumble of the usual bombardment. But when night falls there begins exciting, tough and so work in the dark between the trenches on No Man's Sea. For considerable stretches the water is nearly a mile wide. Just at its edge little boats lie hidden under the Belgian trenches. In the darkness the Belgian infantrymen steal down to them and now become marines, set forth on patrol.

With Bombs or Knives
It needs not only daring and coolness, but some special training to do this hazardous work. The men use padded or muffled oars, sometimes punt poles; sometimes they lie flat in the bottom of the boat and paddle with their hands. They are armed with bombs, sometimes with long knives. Creeping silently close to the German shore, to see what the enemy is up to over there, is a risky undertaking. Any moment a star shell may flood the water with light and reveal the little boat and its crew to watching marksmen, and through the night machine guns sporadically spray the water near the German trenches on the chance of hitting something unseen. Sometimes there are mines.

Patrol Meets Patrol
The risk of all these things is nothing to the thrill of meeting a German patrol boat. Hearing the strokes of a pump in the darkness, the men, and the safety pins removed from their bombs, until the German craft is almost upon them. Then the bombs are hurled, and in the racking roar that follows the Belgians slip away as silently as they came.

The strangest part of this strange warfare is that getting back to their own shore after such fights is comparatively without danger if there are no star shells. The Germans in their trenches are afraid of hitting their own boat if they fire, and so are the Belgians, for neither side knows which boat threw the bomb, which boat was hit.

COMPARE TWO V.C.'s

Deeds of R.N.R. Commander and Marine Corporal Officially Cited

Two Victoria Crosses were announced as follows: Lieut.-Col. W. R. E. Sanders, R.N.R. in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry, consummate coolness, and skill in command of one of H.M. ships in action.

Lieut.-Col. W. R. Parker, R.M.L.L. R.N.D. On the morning of May 1, 1915, in reply to a message from an isolated fire trench at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli, a party of non-commissioned officers and men detailed to carry water and ammunition, and Parker volunteered from the stretcher bearers. Several men had been killed in a previous attempt to bring assistance to the trench. It was necessary to traverse an area 400 yards wide, swept by rifle fire. It was daylight when the party emerged from shelter and at once one of the men was wounded. Parker organized a stretcher party and, going on alone, reached the fire trench, all the water and ammunition carriers being killed or wounded. He rendered assistance to the wounded in the trench, which had to be evacuated, and he helped to remove the wounded, although himself seriously wounded.

MUNITION MIRACLES

British Production Multiplied Many Times Over in Short Period

Dr. H. E. Howe in an address before the American Chemical Society in Kansas City brought out some changes in certain industries that the war caused in England. At the beginning of 1917 the production of high explosives was sixty-two times what it was in 1915. British munition factories were then in 1917 making more heavy gun ammunition every twenty-four hours than they made in the first year of the war. The monthly output of heavy guns was more than six times what it was during the year 1915. From May, 1915, to May, 1916, the production of bombs increased thirty-three fold. Fourteen times as many machine guns were made during the year beginning August 1, 1915, as in the twelve preceding months. The daily output of twelve national projectile factories would fill at a train one mile long, requiring eight engines to pull it.

Blinded Soldier's Luck

"A Canadian who lost both eyes in the war was trained at St. Dunstan's, went back to Canada, married a pretty girl, and obtained a first-class job in Toronto," said Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, at the exhibition of work by disabled horses in Sothby's New Galleries, Bond-street, West.

Mrs. Lucas, wife of Sergeant Edward Lucas, Royal Imprinting Establishment, died at Dunsannon, County Tyrone, after giving birth to three sons. New Zealand was made equal with the other Dominions by Lord Liverpool being styled Governor-General instead of Governor.

Abusing Privileges

Mr. A. D. Schaffner asks us to draw the attention of the travelling public, that he is quite willing for them to use the trail through his farm to and from Jarro, but he must ask them to close the gates after them and not to break the gates and fences. Seeing that this is the only decent trail in this direction, we think that Mr. Schaffner is not unreasonable in his request, and that the public should appreciate the concession, and try to comply with Mr. Schaffner's wishes in the matter.

Foreman (to workman whom he has "sacked" on Saturday and then finds him at his job again on Monday)—Hey young-fellow-me-lad, I thought I sacked you on Saturday.

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